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GENERAL

1. The primary function of the Branch is economic analysis of the Soviet zone of Austria with a secondary emphasis on the Satellite areas contiguous thereto. The main effort so far has been an attempt to determine the amount of industrial dismantlement in the Soviet zone of Austria and the number of Austrian business firms controlled by the Soviets through investment but retaining their original names. Two studies produced by this branch concerning these subjects are "Report on Soviet Dismantling and Removal of Industrial Equipment from Austria" and "List of USIA Enterprises by Name". The information sources of this branch are, for the most part, overt publications, such as the "Industrial Compass of Austria" and newspapers, and confidential reports from Austrian business and industrial firms.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. None.

JCS review(s) completed.

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